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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☒ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	3	YES
	Claims	1, 2, 4, 5	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 8-135543 A (Hitachi, Ltd., Hitachi Car Engineering Co., Ltd.)
 1996. 05. 28, Full text; All drawings

Document 2: JP 7-27029 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corp.)
 1995. 01. 27, Full text; All drawings

Document 3: JP 9-14073 A (Denso Corp.)
 1997. 01. 14, Full text; All drawings & US 5715797 A1
 column 22, line 37 to column 23, line 12; Figs, 28 to 34
 & CN 1140234 A & DE 19625902 A

Document 4: JP 2002-147306 A (Sanshin Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha),
 2002. 05. 22, Par. Nos. [0029] to [0032]; Fig. 1

Document 5: JP 11-125162 A (Honda Motor Co., Ltd.),
 1999. 05. 11, Par. Nos. [0031], [0034], [0038]; Fig. 3

Document 6: JP 10-103182 A (Suzuki Motor Corp.),
 1998. 04. 21, Par. Nos. [0015] to [0017]; Fig. 1, 3

Document 7: JP 10-318060 A (Toyota Motor Corp.),
 1998. 12. 02, Par. No. [0013]; Fig. 1

Document 8: JP 11-153065A (Denso Corp.)
 1999.06.08, Par. Nos. [0010] to [0016]; Fig. 1,2

Document 9: JP 2000-110685 A (Toyota Motor Corp.),
 2000. 04. 18, Par. Nos. [0017] to [0023]; Fig. 1

Invention concerning scope of claim 1 and 5 does not comprise inventive step by documents 1 quoted in international search report. A fuel supply system it is passed in order of a fuel pump from a fuel tank, check valve, returnless pressure regulator, and to lead to an injector is mentioned in documents 1. It is the matter which the output demanded from an engine is accepted, and a person skilled in the art can set appropriately how quantity of fuel pressure force is added by a fuel pump, and to send is set in a thing of documents 1.

Supplemental Box

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Invention concerning scope of claim 1 does not comprise inventive step by documents 2 quoted in international search report or 3. Documents 2 or 3 a fuel supply system fuel from a fuel tank is passed in order of a fuel pump, returnless pressure regulator, and to lead to an injector is described. It is the matter which the output demanded from an engine is accepted, and a person skilled in the art can set appropriately how quantity of fuel pressure force is added by a fuel pump, and to send is set in documents 2 or 3 things.

Invention concerning scope of claim 2 does not comprise inventive step by quoted 4 - 6 in documents 1 - 3 and international search report. It is easy to adopt documents 1 - 3 fuel supply systems in a low pressure fuel pump of low pressure and a fuel supply system comprising a mind liquid separator than a the above mentioned fuel pump between documents 4 - 6 fuel tanks and fuel pumps for a person skilled in the art.

Invention concerning scope of claim 4 does not comprise inventive step by quoted documents 7 - 9 in documents 1 - 3 and international search report. It is easy to adopt documents 7 - 9 positive displacement compressor pumps as documents 1 - 3 a fuel pump of three fuel supply systems for a person skilled in the art.

Invention concerning scope of claim 3 is not mentioned in documents of the gap that wants to be quoted in international search report either so that it is not the person who is self-evident for a person skilled in the art.

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Invention concerning scope of claim 5 is indistinct. In other words it is described with "a the above mentioned mind liquid separator" in invention concerning scope of claim 5, it becomes inarticulate which rehabilitation the "the above mentioned mind liquid separator" supports, because in invention concerning scope of claim 5, "a mind liquid separator" is not described before description of the "the above mentioned mind liquid separator", in addition, because "a mind liquid separator" is not mentioned in invention concerning scope of claim 1 that invention concerning scope of claim 5 quotes either,